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Dear Ms. Land,

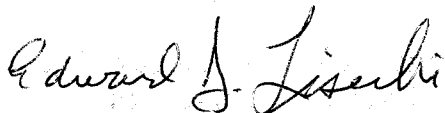
I would like the Louisiana Board of Ethics' opinion concerning the following three issues:

1. Can a physician be a board member of a hospital service district for which he/she holds a contract with the hospital to provide services for anesthesia;
2. Can a physician be a board member of the hospital service district if the hospital service district is that physician's employer, i.e. the physician is an employee of the hospital on which he is serving as a board member;
3. Can a Chief Executive Officer of a hospital or a hospital service district board, prevent an employed physician from operating in an ambulatory surgery center which is jointly owned by the hospital and a group of non-hospital employed physicians. This facility is accredited by CMS and results in less expenditure by the government for many services rendered there as opposed to the same services if they were to be performed in a hospital facility.

The hospital in question is Iberia Medical Center that is located in New Iberia Louisiana, which is not a rural service area.

I anxiously await the opinions on each of these issues and appreciate the Board's time in addressing them.

Sincerely,



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